

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/700,307

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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 31-52 are presented for the Examiner's consideration. These claims are directed to an article having a photo-catalytic activity, comprising a titanium oxide thin film formed on a surface of the base material with an aqueous dispersion of titanium oxide particles. The aqueous dispersions of titanium oxide particles as described in claims 31-52 are the same as those described in allowed claims 31-43 of the parent application, respectively. Support for claims 44-52 is found, for example, in paragraph [38] at pages 12-13 of the specification.

Entry of the Amendments and the Examiner's favorable consideration of claims 31-52 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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